

What is claimed is: CLAIMS:

1(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly for plumbing fixtures, **comprising: having**

- ~~1.1~~ a mounting fixture ~~(1)~~ for fastening the assembly in place,
- ~~1.2~~ an arm ~~(10)~~ jutting out of the mounting fixture ~~(1)~~,
- ~~1.3~~ a pivot joint for joining the arm ~~(10)~~ to the mounting fixture ~~(1)~~,
- ~~1.4~~ a brake ~~(12)~~ for locking the arm ~~(1)~~ in place, and
- ~~1.5~~ a ratchet that allows pivoting **of** the arm in one direction.

2(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1, wherein **at least one of** the brake ~~(12)~~ and ~~for the~~ ratchet are part of the pivot joint for the arm ~~(10)~~.

3(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~or claim 2~~, wherein **a** ~~the~~ pivot axis **of the pivot joint** is horizontal.

4(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to **claim 1** ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the ratchet acts on a sleeve or collar ~~(14)~~ ~~that may be joined to, or is~~ **while** joined **relative** to ~~[,]~~ the arm ~~(10)~~, in particular, ~~acts on the outer surface of the sleeve or collar (14).~~

5(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to **claim 1** ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the ratchet ~~'s~~ **has a** pawl ~~(6)~~ ~~is~~ arranged on the mounting fixture ~~(1)~~ and **wherein the pawl** has a length equalling that of the sleeve or collar ~~(14)~~.

6(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to **claim 1** ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the brake ~~(12)~~ is fastened to the arm ~~(10)~~ such that **the brake** ~~it~~ is constrained from rotating with respect to the **arm** ~~latter~~.

7(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the joint joining the arm ~~(10)~~ to the ratchet ~~, in particular, the sleeve or collar (14) thereof,~~ is created by the brake ~~(12)~~.

8(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the brake ~~(12)~~ is a friction brake.

9(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 4 ~~any of claims 4—8~~, wherein the brake ~~(12)~~ engages a cylindrical inner surface of a collar of the ratchet ~~'s collar (14)~~.

10(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 4 ~~any of claims 4—9~~, wherein ~~, in particular,~~ the brake ~~(12)~~ is arranged coaxial with a the ~~ratchet's collar (14)~~ of the ratchet.

11(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the brake ~~(12)~~ contains several brake shoes ~~(23)~~ having whose motions with have at least one radial component.

12(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to ~~any~~ claim 11, wherein the brake shoes ~~(23)~~ are actuated by at least one conical component that may be translated in an axial direction.

13(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 12, comprising wherein a pair of counteroriented conical components whose separation is adjustable ~~are provided~~.

14(original). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 13, wherein the pair of conical components jointly have axial play.

15(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the brake ~~(12)~~ is spring-loaded.

16(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any~~
~~of the foregoing claims~~, wherein ~~a~~ the space accommodating at least one of the brake
(12) and ~~for the~~ ratchet is ~~configured such that it is~~ sealed with respect to the ambient.

17(currently amended). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 1 ~~any~~
~~of the foregoing claims~~, wherein the brake ~~braking device (12)~~ has an adjustable
braking force.

18(new). An articulated-arm assembly according to claim 2, wherein the
ratchet acts on an outer surface of the sleeve or collar.